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THINK FOOD

School Nutrition Programs
Shipment 8
January 2016



USDA FOOD Shipment 8 Update

The USDA Foods shipment schedule for SY 2015-2016 is located on the Office of Public Instruction (OPI) School Nutrition website under Commodity Information.

This website is located at

http://www.opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School Nutrition/USDA.html. The schedule is subject to change based on USDA Foods availability and warehouse space.

Newsletter is Online, too!

All issues of the Think Food Newsletter are on the OPI School Nutrition website at http://opi.mt.gov/Programs/SchoolPrograms/School Nutrition/USDA.html#gpm1 6.

USDA Foods Update

Pork Roasts, Chicken Tenders and Beef Patties

As a reminder, the above items have been moved to Shipment 7.

Cheese, Cheddar Yellow Shredded

This item will be moved from shipment 10 to shipment 8.

Shipment Schedule Update

I hope you received the email last month about the change in the shipment schedule dates. Shipment 7 was to begin on December 14, but had to be moved due to school closures for Christmas break. Here are when the shipments will now be arriving:

Shipment 7 will begin on 1/4/2016 Shipment 8 will begin on 1/25/2016 Shipment 9 will begin on 2/15/2016 Shipment 10 will begin on 3/7/2016

Extra items:

All schools are cleared to order extra items. © Send me an email with what you would like.

The amounts listed are approximately the number of cases available. Please send an email to tbailly@mt.gov with food item and quantity requests by Tuesday, January 19, 2016.

USDA Foods	Cases Left	Price/case
Blueberries, fzn	1320	\$27.70
Cheese, mozz, shred, fzn	709	\$61.82
Strawberry slices, fzn	499	\$34.94
Peas, fzn	477	\$18.59
Strawberry cups, fzn	416	\$45.89
Ham, cooked, fzn	384	\$63.32
Peaches, cnd	351	\$35.09
Beans, Kidney, cnd	329	\$15.95
Beans, Great Northern, cnd	326	\$13.73
Tomato paste, cnd	323	\$23.07
Vegetable oil	251	\$23.08
Flour, whole wheat	249	\$9.20
Pork leg roast, frz	219	\$54.48
Cheese, red fat, shred, fzn	215	\$64.71
Potato wedges, fzn	195	\$18.33
Raisins (144, 1.33 oz boxes/case)	169	\$18.02
Beans, black, cnd	107	\$15.48
Turkey deli, fzn	100	\$115.69
Rice, brown	68	\$29.07
Eggs, fzn	62	\$91.22
Cheese, American sliced	37	\$50.80
Chicken, diced, fzn	14	\$92.92
Orange juice (70, 4 oz boxes/cs)	5	\$9.49
Ground beef, fzn	4	\$122.02
Spaghetti	3	\$7.83
Cheese, Yellow, Shred, fzn	3	\$66.43
Chicken Fajita Strips, fzn	2	\$50.78

DoD Fresh Program Update

Schools that have not started spending their DoD allotment will need to do so by February 15. At this time, funds from schools that have not spent any of their allotment will be redistributed to schools that have been spending. Schools that have spent some, but not all, will not be affected.

If the reason you have not started spending is because you need help logging onto the FFavors website, let Tessa Bailly know at tbailly@mt.gov or 406-444-4412.

Team Nutrition Workshops

Montana Team Nutrition would like to invite you to upcoming workshops in January and February. These workshops are free and count toward your annual training hours for School Nutrition Professional Standards.

Please join us for regional workshops in January and February focusing on two main areas: *HealthierUS School Challenge: Smarter Lunchrooms Award Program* and *Serving Up Success with Standardized Recipes*. Information and registration can be found here: http://www.opi.mt.gov//Programs/SchoolPrograms/School Nutrition/ProfStandards?gpm=1 1&tpm=1 4

- 1) At gearing up for a HealthierUS Challenge Smarter Lunchrooms Award Regional Workshops, learn about the HealthierUS School Challenge Smarter Lunchrooms Award, the easier application process and tips for success. Get started with creating a "smarter lunchroom" to help students make healthier choices.
 - January 26, 2016, in Billings from 2-4 p.m.
 - January 26, 2016, in Kalispell from 2-4 p.m.
- 2) Serving Up Success Standardized Recipes Guarantee It. Regional workshops for both schools and child care programs. Using standardized recipes can save time and money. This workshop will teach the basics of creating and working with standardized recipes with simple calculations.
 - January 25, 2016, in Missoula from 2-4 p.m.
 - February 11, 2016, in Billings from 2-4 p.m.
 - February 16, 2016, in Bozeman from 6:30-8:30 pm
 - February 23, 2016, in Kalispell from 2-4 p.m.

For more information, visit http://opi.mt.gov/schoolnutrition under Current Events/Trainings or contact Molly Stenberg at 406-994-7217 or stenberg@montana.edu.

2016 Montana Farm to School Summit

Save the date for the *Montana Farm to School Summit: Sprouting Success* to be held on September 22-23, 2016, at Montana State University in Bozeman. Learn and share how Montana schools and programs are sprouting success through the core elements of farm to school: serving local foods, school gardens, nutrition, agriculture, and food education. Workshops, field trips, and networking opportunities will provide inspiration and skill building.

For more information contact Aubree Roth, Montana Farm to School Coordinator, at aubree.roth@montana.edu or 406-994-5996.

Sysco is Offering ServSafe Classes for Customers

If you are a Sysco customer and need to update your ServSafe credentials please look into attending one of the upcoming classes.

- February 9, 2016
 Holiday Inn Express in Belgrade, MT
- March 22, 2016
 Great Northern Hotel in Helena, MT
- June 9, 2016
 Heritage Inn in Great Falls, MT
- July 21, 2016
 Hilton Garden Inn in Billings, MT
- September 22, 2016
 Holiday Inn Express in Bozeman, MT
- November 10, 2016
 Big Horn Resort in Billings, MT

Sysco Montana is proud to sponsor the class dates above in partnership with the Montana Restaurant Association. Course fees for all courses are \$135.00 per participant. For specific information or to obtain a registration form contact Sysco Montana's Carole Makin at (406) 247-1133 or makin.carole@mt.sysco.com.